

## Proclamation

This year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Japan-America Society of Hawai'i (JASH).

Founded in 1976, JASH has been promoting understanding and friendship between the people of Japan and the United States through the special and unique perspective of Hawai'i. Their programs help to expand knowledge, increase meaningful human contact and facilitate discussion of important issues.

Throughout the years, JASH has conducted many educational presentations, seminars and discussions in order to build and enhance U.S.-Japan relations; provide the opportunity for the discussion of topics relevant to the people of the United States and Japan; and, prepare Hawai'i's youth to become tomorrow's leaders.

The Society is proud of its *Continuum of School Programs Project*, which offers educational plans for Hawai'i's children grades kindergarten through 12. It is designed to develop their skills of inquiry and openmindedness, which will ultimately lead to better decision making skills and the ability to accept new concepts and ideas.

JASH's affiliation with the Ehime Maru Memorial Association and the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship Foundation continues to emphasize its leadership role in advancing valuable bilateral relationship.

On November 2, 2006, the Japan-America Society of Hawai`i will celebrate their  $30^{th}$  anniversary at the annual dinner being held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim November 2, 2006, as

## JAPAN-AMERICA SOCIETY OF HAWAI`I 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DAY

in Hawai`i, and thank them for three decades of promoting cultural exchanges between the people of Japan and our Aloha State.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this twenty-eighth day of October 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i